



## California Department of Fish and Game Game Bird Heritage Special Hunts Program Spring 2009 Wild Turkey Hunt Opportunities

To apply, fill out the Spring 2009 Wild Turkey Hunt Application. Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on the hunt deadline. Deadlines are listed on the application. Mail applications to: Department of Fish & Game, GBH Special Hunts, 1812 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95811. For questions regarding applications and the application process, please call (916) 445-3418. For questions regarding a specific hunt, please call the appropriate number below.

New this year, apply online at: [www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/uplandgame/gamebird](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/uplandgame/gamebird)

### Please note when applying:

- Only drawn hunters may hunt\*
- All junior hunt applicants must possess a junior hunting license
- All hunters under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult
- There is no limit on the number of hunts to which you may apply
- You may be drawn for more than one (1) hunt, however you may only be drawn once per hunt date
- You must be prepared to attend any of the hunts for which you applied

**Cañada de los Osos Apprentice Junior Hunt, Santa Clara Co.** Two, two-day hunts are scheduled for the weekends of Apr. 4-5 and Apr. 25-26, 2009. Each hunt can accommodate five (5) licensed junior hunters. For more information call (831) 649-2934.

**Cosumnes River Preserve Apprentice Women/Junior/Mobility Impaired Hunt, Sacramento Co.** Five (5) Women/Junior/Mobility Impaired hunts are scheduled for Sat., Mar. 28; Sun., Mar. 29; Wed., Apr. 1, Sat., Apr. 4, and Sun., Apr. 5, 2009. Four (4) hunters will be drawn for each hunt date. Each hunter may take one (1) hunting guest, either a licensed junior or adult hunter. Two junior hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. For more information call (916) 358-2839.

**Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area, Yuba Co.** (4,200 acres) - Type C wildlife area, 20 miles east of Marysville. Five (5) general hunts are scheduled for Sat., Mar. 28; Sun., Mar. 29; Wed., Apr. 1, Sat., Apr. 4, and Sun., Apr. 5, 2009. Eight (8) hunters will be drawn for each hunt date. Each hunter may take one (1) hunting guest, either a licensed junior or adult hunter. Two junior hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. For more information call (916) 358-2839.

**Lake Sonoma, Sonoma Co.** The DFG, in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is sponsoring two-day turkey hunts at Lake Sonoma. An apprentice hunt for **juniors** will be held Sat., April 18 and Sun., April 19, 2009. A **general** hunt will be held Sat., Apr. 25 and Sun., Apr. 26, 2009. Fifteen (15) hunters will be drawn for each two-day hunt period. Each hunter may take one (1) hunting guest, either a licensed junior or adult hunter. For additional information, contact the DFG, Wildlife Mgmt section, at (707) 944-5537 or (209) 948-7430.

**Lake Mendocino, Mendocino Co.** The DFG, in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is sponsoring hunts for wild turkeys at Lake Mendocino. Two general hunts will take place Sat., Apr. 4 and Sat., Apr. 11, 2009. Two apprentice hunts for **juniors** will take place Sat. through Sun., Mar. 28-29 and Sat. through Sun., Apr. 18-19, 2009. Only five (5) hunters are drawn per hunt date. Shotguns or air rifles firing pellets powered by compressed air (0.20 caliber minimum) may be used to take turkeys. Boat-in and walk-in access is permitted; no vehicle or horse-in hunting is allowed. For more information, contact the USACE Park Office at (707) 462-7581 or at: <http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/mendocino/hunting.htm>.

**Millerton Lake State Recreation Area, Fresno Co.** This archery-only hunt is not recommended for the novice or inexperienced hunter. Hunting wild turkeys with archery equipment is considered extremely difficult, even by experienced archery turkey hunters. There are seven archery only hunts, 2 hunters per hunt. Each hunt is one week long (seven days), except the last hunt (May 9-17, 2009) which is nine days long, and are scheduled for Mar. 28- Apr. 3, 2009, Apr. 4-10, 2009, Apr. 11-17, 2009, Apr. 18-24, 2009, Apr. 25-May 1, 2009, May 2-8, 2009, and May 9-17, 2009. All hunters selected for this hunt will be required to attend a mandatory safety and orientation meeting on Saturday, Mar. 21, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., at the Millerton Lake District Office. A limit of one bearded turkey per hunter will be in effect during this special hunt. The hunting area has both walk-in and boat-in access. Hunters will be required to pay a \$7 State parks and Recreation Area entrance fee per day (waived in lieu of a \$125 annual State Parks pass). For more information call (559) 243-4005 ext 133.

**Oroville Wildlife Area, Butte Co.** (11,871 acres) This is a type C wildlife area West of Oroville CA. Three two-day hunts are scheduled for Sat.-Sun., Mar. 28-29; Apr. 4-5; and Apr. 25-26, 2009. Seven (7) hunters will be drawn for each hunt date. Each hunter may take one (1) hunting guest, either a licensed junior or adult hunter. Two junior hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. For more information call (530) 538-2236.

**Spenceville Wildlife Area, Nevada/Yuba Co.** (11,213 acres) This is a type C wildlife area 20 miles east of Marysville. Five (5) General hunts are scheduled for Sat., Mar. 28; Sun. 29; Wed., Apr. 1, Sat., Apr. 4, and Sun., Apr. 5, 2009. Twenty (20) hunters will be drawn for each hunt date. Each hunter may take one (1) hunting guest, either a licensed junior or adult hunter. Two junior hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. For more information call (530) 538-2236.

**Tejon Ranch Apprentice Junior Hunt, Kern Co.** Tejon Ranch is located South of Bakersfield in the Tehachapi Mountains. The DFG, in cooperation with Tejon Ranch, released the Merriam's subspecies of wild turkey on the Tejon Ranch in 1989. They have adapted well to the habitat, and large flocks now populate the ranch. These once in a lifetime hunts are scheduled for April 6-7, 2009 and April 13-14, 2009. Because of the extremely limited space please do not apply for this hunt if you have been drawn for it previously. Each hunt can accommodate five (5) junior hunters. For more information call (559) 243-4005 ext 133.

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\*Each successfully drawn hunter for Cosumnes River Preserve, Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area, Oroville Wildlife Area and Spenceville Wildlife Area hunts may take one (1) hunting guest, either a licensed junior or adult hunter. Two junior hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult.